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## Editorials

### Helping a Little



UST a few suggestions on how to help yourself and your school to get a bigger, better annual than last year.

First of all, pay up the purchase price promptly. We, the men who are getting the RECALL up, must have \$600.00 before we can even sign the contract, that is why we insist that everyone must have his money in by the first of April. We guarantee our part, if you stand by yours. Working together, the 1916-17 RECALL is an assured success, but without proper co-operation it is an assured fail-

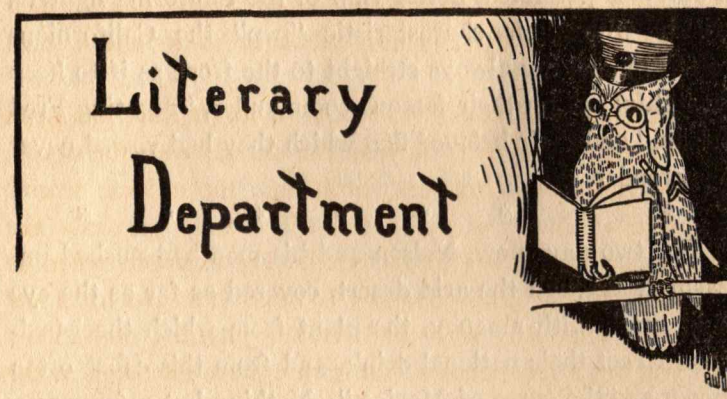
ure. So if you want an annual, see to it that your money is in the hands of the business manager before the first of April.

Mr. Dow, the official A. M. A. photographer, has been kind enough to agree to furnish the annual with the necessary pictures of companies, buildings, formations, teams, etc., free of charge, if the cadets will in turn purchase the pictures in which they are included. For example, when he takes a picture of your company he offers it to you for a few cents, the same way with the battalion pictures, etc. They cost you but a few pennies, but if they were all taken at the expense of the RECALL, it would amount to about two hundred dollars, so you see by your expenditure you are saving the RECALL quite a sum of money which, when turned into the proper channels, will buy paper, leather, engravings, etc., and make your 1916-17 annual larger, better and more complete.

Again, if you have any snapshots of your friends in school, military formations, funny group pictures, pictures of buildings, dances, rough and tumble scraps, etc., lend them to the annual and thereby make it more interesting and amusing to yourself and your friends.

Last, and most important of all, boost the RECALL, talk it up, if you know anyone who you think would be justified in advertising in it, write to them and find out if they would care to do so. Advertising rates may be obtained from either the Business Manager or myself. Again, if you know anyone that wants an annual, hand in his name to us. Shove the RECALL, boost it whenever and wherever you can, criticise, advise, contribute, and lend a helping hand. Then we will have a real annual.

W. G. SCOTT.



## Their Flag



NOTWITHSTANDING the terrific noon-day heat, the city of El Paso lay beneath the tropical skies gaily decorated with flags which waved lazily to and fro, apparently devouring the chance sultry breezes which they enfolded hungrily within their folds. In its streets stood all those able to spare the time, wiping the perspiration from their hot brows, but for the most part glad to endure a few discomforts to look for perhaps the last time on the stalwart American manhood composing the first few regiments selected to lead in to Mexico which appeared at last to be a real army of invasion. Perhaps also the fact that the "Golden State Scrappers" formed part of the advance guard, added a few additional spectators, for who has not heard of Nelson and his "Scrap-pers," the fighting unit of the American army. As the "Scrappers" otherwise officially designated as the 18th Cavalry swung into view, young and old alike pressed forward

to obtain if possible a better view of the California fighters. Briskly with their characteristic "pep" the Californians trotted by looking always straight to the front as if to keep a watchful eye on their famous commander, "Fighting Fred Nelson," and their beloved flag which they had vowed never to surrender.

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For two days now, Nelson and his men had pushed unceasingly through the arid desert, covered as far as the eye could reach with maguey, the plant from which the Mexicans extract their national drink, and from this cause often known as "the curse of Mexico." Nothing but a few roaving "insurrectos," had as yet disputed their right of way and beyond a few sun-stricken Americans the entire brigade maintained excellent spirits and health under the trying conditions. The city of Chihuahua, provided no contrary orders were issued, being their objective, they had cleared for action as they jokingly expressed it and prepared to damage anyone who endeavored to prevent them from getting there. Thus they rode on, dirty and covered with dust but aching to show the "greasers" what a real bunch of "gringos" could do.

The third day of hot, tiresome riding dawned without even the footprints of a Mexican to excite comment and for the first time in a long while "Fighting Fred" looked really worried. An officer's conference left things looking worse than ever but found the brigade still moving slowly but surely toward Chihuahua. Towards noon, after another conference, it was decided that Nelson's regiment should advance ahead of the other units composing the advance guard to discover if possible any trap or ambush and thus avoid

endangering the entire brigade. Dusk found the "Scrap-pers" ahead of their comrades, their scouts well placed and the men ready for any emergency which might arise. Suddenly through the noise made by the westerners as they rode along joking and singing came the echos of half a dozen shots followed by the return of a scout with a bleeding arm and the news that the bushes and rocks in front of them were alive with Mexicans. Similar reports came in from the other scouts and notwithstanding their precautions the "Scrappers" found themselves surrounded and separated from their main body. Hiding their horses as much as possible among the bushes the Californians dismounted and taking advantage of all available cover soon had the animals tethered in the middle of a large square of skirmishers. Then with "Old Glory," which they had vowed would never fall into foreign hands, waving proudly in the gathering dusk, they waited patiently for the attack. It came perhaps even sooner than they expected as with the roar of hades thousands of firearms burst forth simultaneously from behind every bush and rock. Numbers of khaki-clad figures quivered and lay still at this outburst, the first to bear the brunt of the great attack intended for the entire brigade and which their regiment was forced to bear alone. With the voice of their leader continually ringing in their ears as he rushed to and fro, waving his smoking revolver, they prepared if need be to sacrifice their lives for their country much the same as Cambonne and the Guard had done for Napoleon a century before at Waterloo. Lying on the ground around their flag and leader the khaki-clothed American soldiers covered with dust and dirt and their own and comrades' blood, were a sight terrible to behold, as with nearly every shot they sent a Mexican reeling from his place of concealment.

As the ten young soldiers picked from among the many volunteers to the first call for men to carry a message to the main body stood around him "Fighting Fred" looked his part as giving each their orders he bade them God-speed with his usual abruptness. Each was to take a different route and endeavor to reach the main body before daylight with certain death and its distinguishing rays allowed the Mexicans to notice their mistake and see the small numbers of the foe they had ambushed.

It was not until the next morning about noon that the main body of the advance guard, coming across the bullet-riddled body of one of the relief messengers, had their first knowledge of the ambush which erased the 18th Cavalry from the list of active units. Two hours later they arrived at the last resting place of the "Scrappers" where the fact that they had lived up to their name was in evidence by the many corpses of their foes, abandoned by their own at the approach of the main body of "gringos" which they had hoped to wipe out. Near Nelson's riddled body lay the broken flag-staff of the "Scrappers" which everyone noticed was minus the flag they had loved so much and sworn never to surrender.

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It was only a few minutes after the removal of Nelson's body from its death place that "Big Jim" Flannigan, trooper of the 23rd Cavalry, passing near, tripped over a soft cloth-like substance, bringing to light the last earthly task of "Fighting Fred Nelson," the burial of the "Golden State Scrapper's" cherished flag.

F. S. BANKHARDT.

## Doings of the Day

The only reason I have for writing this  
Is to tell you what's going on;  
It may prove dry, and uninteresting  
But I've got to sing my song.

Bige Stephenson's saving up his jits  
To get a hair cut, they say,  
While Percy's learning dancing tricks  
To use when he gets away.

Our equipment is on the road at last,  
Many days late, of course.  
Perhaps we'll have a camp this spring,  
If Major gets a new horse.

The minstrel show is now the talk,  
And I expect it will be fine.  
Robertson's got an interest in Major's Ford,  
Said he bought it for a dime.

At the last dance the lights were too bright,  
They hurt my eyes a great deal;  
I missed the moonlight waltzes too,  
They're what make a dance real.

Boots must be going to build a barn,  
He's raised his prices again.  
Matches are now two for fourteen,  
They used to be two for ten.

Now lets haul the Mess Hall over the rack,  
 What do you think of the stuff?  
 It's pretty good grub, what there is of it,  
 But there never is half enough.

Now I've gone and done it all right,  
 I've got my foot in the cheese;  
 I expect I'll get the dickens for this,  
 All I ask is, go easy, please.

W. G. SCOTT.

## Watch Your Step



S Jimmy Carson, town sport, dude, best looker, and the lady killer of Seedville, boarded the New York evening express after bidding farewell to his numerous female admirers, his first and only thought was by means of his faithful pocket mirror to straighten his tie and re-part his hair, both of which had been sadly disarranged by the recent touching demonstrations which the ladies of the town had so generously bestowed upon their departing hero. After thus perfecting his appearance Jimmy carefully surveyed the surrounding scenery and, discovering at the other end of the car a sweet innocent looking young female, he immediately began his attack and prepared to add another victim to his lengthy list of conquests. After trying all his available long-distance stunts with no effect, the surprised Jimmy, having until now never before encountered such stubborn neglect of his charms, prepared his last but desperate attack. With the aid of his faithful "Waterman" he composed within the short space of ten minutes a sweet epistle within which he asked for the privilege of a personal interview with the addressed lady and which, by means of the porter, was conveyed rapidly to his intended victim. Simultaneously with its arrival came that of a large pugilistic looking gentleman who flopped down on the seat beside Jimmy's prey and was handed by wifey his (Jimmy's) sweet composition. In view of these alarming facts and their probable consequences our Seedville hero fled in disorder to the smoker where he remained,

notwithstanding the numerous knocks on the door, which he heard each time with renewed fear, until the train's arrival in the great metropolis six hours later. Emerging then cautiously from his place of concealment the Seedvillian proceeded after reconnoitering carefully to recover his belongings and depart hastily from the probable environs of his large terrifier.

Jimmy had been saving up religiously for this visit ever since he could remember and would probably have had to continue saving as long as he would be able to remember but for the providential death of an aunt and her bequethal of a fairly good sum to her budding nephew. Thus Jimmy had decided to come and give the big city the "once over" and let the honest citizens of Seedville know his opinion of it. Now as he stepped from out the portals of the Pennsylvania Station, which he decided after some thought was better than the one Seedville possessed, he followed the plans of a story he had recently read and hailed a taxi in its most approved manner. Having heard that the Ritz-Carlton was a good little stopping place Jimmy directed his driver thither and was soon engaging a room after having calculated the amount of hay he could have purchased for the price of his auto ride. Things went well until a bell-boy attempted to relieve Jimmy of his suit case, which our hero defended heroically, his victory being proven by the fact that he bore his own baggage triumphantly to his room, regarding, however, everybody suspiciously. The elevator was another source of worry and wonder to Jimmy, so much so that he dropped his suit case and recovered it before the boy only by means of a flying dive. His impression of his room was that of a king's palace, the bath being the first thing he profited by, before and af-

ter which he allowed the water to run copiously to get his money's worth, as he afterwards told his Seedville admirers.

After having completed his "toilette" Jimmy decided to take a look around, being anxious to try the subway of which he had heard so much. Accordingly, he asked to be directed there and was, as chance would have it, directed to a corner upon which both the stations of the elevated train and subway stand near each other. Not noticing the subway sign, Jimmy mounted the elevated stairs doubtfully, having heard that subways are generally underground. Needless to say, Jimmy enjoyed his ride immensely riding to the terminal and back again, smiling happily as he returned to his hotel, at the thought of what he would tell Seedville concerning the wonderful New York subway in the air.

Feeling the pangs of hunger Jimmy descended to the dining room preferring to walk down the stairs than ride down in the something which, as he later told the folks, might not stop when you wanted it to. His next task was picking something to eat out of the conglomeration of names which confronted him from the menu which he did creditably adopting the supposition that the longest names must be the largest portions.

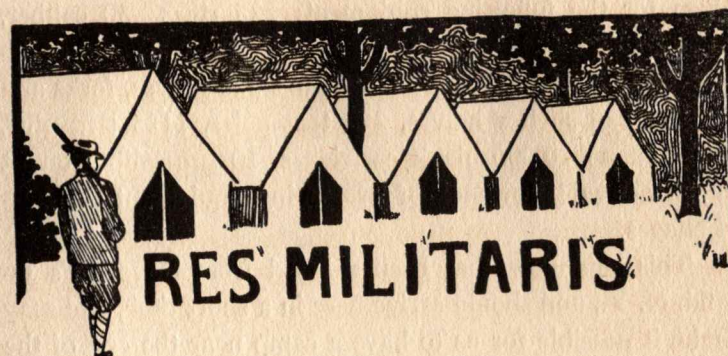
After having ordered that which, if names have any part, must be a wholesome repast, Jimmy carelessly cast admiring glances around the dining room, one of which fell on the familiar face of a "chic" looking young girl, whom, try as he might he could not place. Her companion's well-knit back gave him no clue but left him more at sea than ever. Throughout his meal, composed much to his disgust, of pickles, sardines, mayonnaise and truffle sauce, lettuce salad and salted almonds, which completely ruined his theory of long names,

Jimmy flirted outrageously with her, having nothing very much to eat and fearing to do worse on another order. Every time she looked at him Jimmy noticed that she said something to her companion at which both of them laughed greatly. At first he thought it was an idea but it soon became an established fact in his mind that he was the cause of their hilarity. Surprised at this, he determined to seek his room and mirror to find the trouble. Paying his bill without even bothering to compare it with the price of hay, Jimmy made for the door.

Scarcely had he passed the threshold when a hand fell on his shoulder and our friend from Seedville found himself "pinched for mashing." That night Jimmy had the pleasure of a ride in the patrol and a late trial. Appearing against him was the girl who had looked so familiar to him at dinner that night and her companion whom he recognized as his terrifier on the train the night before. The girl, none other than his ex-intended victim, and his note ruined him absolutely in the eyes of the law, and Jimmy left the courthouse and twenty-five dollars that night, along with a promise to leave town next day.

All Seedville has often wondered why Jimmy returned home so quickly, but all he'll express is his wonder how New Yorkers get acquainted with the fair sex without getting pinched and his advice "Watch your step while traveling."

F. S. BANKHARDT.



By MURRAY ROBERTSON



THE batallion is now being drilled in both close and extended order. Since we have had so very few batallion drills during the winter we find it extremely difficult to get back into our old form again, our two greatest faults at present being, keeping on a line while marching in company front and staying in step. Practice alone will overcome this fault of not keeping a line, and we should do our best to remedy this, as the line the companies keep is what the batallion is first judged by. The ragged step of the batallion is due in a large part to the variance in size of the men in the batallion. The smaller men, who naturally take a very short step, find it almost impossible to keep the same cadence with the larger men, who have a tendency to take too long a step. We hope, however, after a few more battalion drills, that all the men of the batallion will acquire the regulation step of thirty inches. This will add greatly to our batallion while on parade or at drill.

A few days ago the Principles of this school received the requisition papers from the government to be filled out by

them for the following equipment: 225 rifles—30 caliber, 225 cartridge belts, 225 canteens, 225 bayonets and scabbards, 225 haversacks, 225 meat pans, 225 knives, forks and spoons, 225 shelter halves, 225 tent poles, 1125 tent pins, (aluminum) 10,000 blank cartridges, 10 sub-caliber target rifles, annual allowance of preserving equipment and appendages.

This equipment has been shipped from Governor's Island, N. Y., and should arrive here in a short time, and may make it possible for us to have a camp near the end of the present school session.

Now that this equipment is assured us it is up to the corps to turn out the best drilled battallion that A. M. A. has ever had.



ON MONDAY, February 18th. the A. M. A. basketballers started an invasion of West Virginia; but stopped over in Charlottesville long enough to meet the much touted team from Episcopal High School. Although we were defeated the game was exciting and well played throughout.

A. M. A. started the scoring and did not allow the Alexandria team to take the lead at any time during the first half. Our dribbling was remarkable and was pronounced by many to be the best shown by any prep school team on the University of Virginia floor this season. On the other hand E. H. S. did not do much dribbling, but used snappy passes as a method to get the ball under their basket. The first half ended with the score 13 to 10 in our favor.

In the second half the Episcopaleans showed better form and tied the score at 17 and then again at 19. From then on the blue and white basket tossers were unable to overcome their lead which was by at least a four-point margin until the end of the game.

Those who showed up particularly well were Balthis and Oppleman for A. M. A. and Dunn and Gamble for E. H. S.

The line-up was as follows:

A. M. A.	Position	E. H. S.
Oppleman .....	F. F.....	Chambers
Jones .....	R. F.....	Dunn
Antrim .....	C.....	Gamble, C.
Balthis .....	R. G.....	Blockford
Christian .....	L. G.....	Boliere

Substitutes—Gamble, H. for E. H. S.

Goals from field—Oppleman 6, Jones 1, Antrim 1, Balthis 2, Dunn 2, Chambers 2, Gamble 6, Boliere 1, Blockford 1.

Goals from foul—Balthis 2, Dunn 4, Chambers 1.

Referee—Uray of Virginia.

Score at end of first half—A. M. A. 13, E. H. S. 10.

Final score—A. M. A. 22, E. H. S. 29.

Before returning to Fort Defiance, after having forced Alderson Academy and Allegheny Collegiate Institute to feel the sting of defeat, our basketballers next stopped off in Lewisburg and won the last game of the West Virginia trip from Greenbrier Presbyterial School by the score of 36 to 23.

Once more the size of the gymnasium greatly hampered both teams in making long passes and as a result of this handicap only short snappy passes were used. A. M. A. seemed to have the game pretty much their own way throughout although only two regulars started. When the first half ended the score stood 18 to 9 in our favor.

During the second half after having gotten used to the small floor area the blue and white aggregation completely outclassed their Mountaineer opponents who seemed to be unable to cover up well enough to break up our passes. The

Presbyterians on the other hand attempted scoring by means of as long shots as possible, but this method did not avail them much for when the game ended we were the proud possessors of the large end of the score.

Oppleman and Antrim for A. M. A. and Palmer for G. P. S. shared individual honors.

The line-up was as follows:

A. M. A.	Position	G. P. S.
Oppleman .....	L. F.....	Gregg
Lewis .....	R. F.....	Palmer
Antrim .....	C.....	Turley
McWorter .....	L. G.....	Marshall
Roper .....	R. G.....	Montgomery

Substitutions—Balthis, Christian, Jones for A. M. A. Bober, Boruch for G. P. S.

Goals from field—Oppleman 10, Lewis 4, Antrim 1, Balthis 2, Palmer 5, Turley 4, Marshall 1.

Goals from foul—Balthis 2, Gregg 2, Palmer 1.

Referee—Capt. Richmond, of G. P. S.

Time of halves—15 and 20 minutes.

On Saturday night, Feb. 24th, for the second time this season Fishburne Military School went down in defeat before the rapid team work of our basketball representatives. From the first of the game our team took the lead by their brilliant passes and splendid head work. By quick, short passes we usually brought the ball within range of our goal, but many long shots were made, which were impossible in our first game with them. The ideal condition of our floor, made long shots possible and a comparison of the two scores proves that these contribute in a great part to our overwhelming victory. Our team work was smooth and rapid

and excelled that of Fishburne at every stage of the game. Snedegar was the star of their quintet, shooting all their fouls and most of the field goals. Without him they would have been helpless. The first half ended with the score 24 to 8 in our favor.

In the second half the judgment, headwork, and accuracy of our team in locating the goal was even superior to that of the first. The splendid work of our guards kept Fishburne from making many points in the second half, and as they weakened we grew stronger and brought the game to a close with the score 41 to 21 in our favor.

The line-up was:

A. M. A.		F. M. S.	
Oppleman	L. F.	Mottox	
Lewis	R. F.	Robinson	
Antrim	C.	Snedegar	
Balthis	R. G.	Briggs	
Christian	L. G.	Callahan	

Substitutions—Johnson and Mahood for F. M. S. Jones and Scott for A. M. A.

Field goals for A. M. A.—Oppleman 5, Lewis 4, Antrim 1, Balthis 7.

Foul goals for A. M. A.—Balthis 6.

Foul goals for F. M. S.—Snedegar 8.

Referee—Mr. Uray, of Virginia.

On the night of February 27th our quintette went to Staunton and met our old rivals from the Hilltop. A large and enthusiastic crowd filled every available portion of the skating rink, among which was the S. M. A. corps and also

about thirty A. M. A. cadets, who made their presence known throughout the game by their cheering.

One of the noticeable features of the game was the teamwork of both teams, made necessary by the low ceiling of the skating rink, which also made long shots impossible. Both teams worked the ball under the basket by means of short passes, but due to the stellar work of the guards very few opportunities for a free shot were offered. It took our team a few minutes to solve S. M. A.'s style of play which differed greatly from any that we had heretofore been up against, but as the game progressed, by careful covering up we hindered the blue and gold quintet from using this style to much advantage. Time and time again we would dribble the ball to within close range of our basket, but because of the attack of the Kable guards, who stayed back, we had very few uninterrupted shots. Kable also experienced the same difficulty and found our guards almost impregnable. The first half ended with Kables in the lead by the score of 16 to 13.

The second half was much faster and consequently more thrilling than the first and both teams appeared evenly matched. In their eagerness to win both quintets committed many personal as well as technical fouls which helped to keep the two scores close. The ball did not stay in either territory long, it being carried by sensational dribbling from one end of the floor to the other. But as the game drew near its close this method was displaced by as long shots as the aforesaid ceiling would permit and the spectators were kept in a continual state of suspense as the ball would repeatedly hit on the rim and then bounce off. When the final whistle blew the score stood 26 to 20 with the Kable team the winner.

## Line-up:

A. M. A.	Position	S. M. A.
Oppleman .....	L. F.....	Eagles
Jones .....	R. F.....	Coley
Antrim .....	C.....	Curry
Balthis .....	R. G.....	Hinz
Christian .....	L. G.....	Lawler

Substitutes—Lewis for A. M. A.

Goals from field—Oppleman 4, Jones 1, Lewis 1, Coley 4, Eagles 3, Cuury 1.

Goals from foul—Balthis 8, Coley 10.

Score end of first half—A. M. A. 13, S. M. A. 16.

Final score—A. M. A. 20, S. M. A. 26.

Referee—Mr. Uray of Virginia.

Scorers—Capt. Gallagher and Mr. Kyle.

Timekeepers—Capt. Robinson and Mr. Rosenberger.

Time of halves—20 minutes.

That a game is never won until the final whistle blows was more than demonstrated here on Saturday night, March 3, when S. M. A. defeated A. M. A. in one of the closest games ever witnessed in this section of the Valley. Two more evenly matched quintettes could not be found and the game was anybody's game even after time was up, A. M. A. failing to cage the foul which would have tied the score.

Both teams showed improved form and the game throughout was a battle royal. Long shots played a prominent part along with a remarkable exhibition of team work. The Blue and White basket tossers started with a rush and S. M. A. had great difficulty in stopping our rapid advances down the floor. The contest moved on with abundance of brilliant

plays, each team teetering on the verge of victory many times. The first half ended with the score 11 to 10 in the visitors' favor.

When the second half started both quintets in their eagerness to win put aside team work for long passes, some of the passes being from way past the center of the floor. At the middle of the second half A. M. A. was ahead, but as the game progressed that fickle little demon called "luck" seemed to be against them and Kables gradually crept up until when the final whistle blew and A. M. A. failed to cage the goal which would have made the contest an overtime one. This gave Kables a slight edge on a 24 to 23 score.

The individual stars of the game were Balthis and Antrim for the home team and Curry and Coley for the visitors.

The line-up was as follows:

A. M. A.	Position	S. M. A.
Balthis (11) .....	R. G.....	Hinz
Christian, E. (2) .....	L. G.....	(2) Lawlor
Antrim (4) .....	C.....	(8) Curry
Oppleman (4) .....	R. F.....	(8) Coley
Lewis (2) .....	L. F.....	(6) Eagles

Halves—20 minutes.

Referee—Mr. Uray, of University of Virginia.

Timekeepers—Capt. Gallagher and Mr. Rosenberger.

Scorers—Capt. Massie and Mr. Kyle.

With the coming of spring the "Great National Pastime" was ushered into our midst and consequently a large squad of baseball candidates reported to Captain Carter for a preliminary work-out. No strenuous work has been indulged in as yet, other than learning the fundamental principles of sliding bases and bunting.

Prospects for a winning team look favorable, although only two of last year's letter men have returned, namely, Roper, who has the honor of Captain, and Scott, N., his able assistant. Other candidates who are showing up well are Hogshead, Quillen, McWhorter, Christian, E., Christian, W., Diuguid, Ashley, Eggborn, Trimble, Russell, Biggs, Carico, Dick, Upshur, Dore, Wise, and Reed.

These candidates under the able tutorage of Captains Carter and Gallagher shold be rounded into a team which will be a strong contender for the championship among prep schools.

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### To the Team

The winter months have gone by  
And with them basketball too;  
But we can't forget the team  
That stood by the white and blue.

Although the season has passed  
But the memory is with us yet.  
And that basketball team of ours  
Is something we can't forget.

It is certain that they fought hard  
And much credit is due them,  
For in no occasion did they lack  
The spirit, pep, fight, and vim.

We know they had tough luck  
In that last hard fought game,  
But it's certain they did their best  
And none of them were to blame.

Captain Balthis was the leader  
Of that team so strong and true.  
And on every occasion did he give  
The best he had to the white and blue.

Jones, he was assistant captain,  
And a better could not be found.  
For wherever the play did go  
He was somewhere close around.

Next there is Antrim, our center,  
Better known to us as "Red."  
And about this hard fighting player  
Enough could not be said.

Oppleman was our left forward,  
And, say boy, wasn't he fine?  
For whenever there was a goal to make  
Old "Issey" was there every time.

And we all know Christian,  
Our plucky little left guard.  
He was right there with the goods,  
Fighting a game both strong and hard.

And we could not leave out Lewis,  
For he sure did play a fine game,  
Bringing disaster upon his opponents  
And honor upon his name.

And then there are some players  
Whom we can not well leave out.  
And these are the plucky scrubs  
Who much could be said about.

For they were always there  
 Fighting hard day by day;  
 And doing the best they could  
 To build up a team for A. M. A.

There was Roper, Scott, and McWhorter,  
 Bankhardt, Hogshead, and Dore, too,  
 And there never was or will be  
 Scrubs that were half so true.

And then, boys, there is Capt. Lane  
 Who coached this team so true;  
 And we are hardly able to give  
 To him the credit that is due.

And to him as coach of our team  
 We sing our praises aloud.  
 For he built for us a quintette  
 Of which we are justly proud.

And we sure did have a fine team  
 When all was said and done.  
 We might have lost a few games  
 But just count the ones we won.

WILLIAM H. EGGBOURN.

The game of basketball was first played at the Augusta Military Academy during the session of 1906-07. Cadet James E. Black, of Butler, Pa, organized and coached the first team.

The following is the list of the wearers of the "A" in basketball at A. M. A.:

1906-07.

Coach—J. E. Black

Forwards	Center	Guards
C. Krug	J. E. Black (Capt.)	H. Venable
C. S. Roller, Jr. (Faculty Member)		Nat Waller
		H. Tschudy

1907-08

Coach—C. F. Spencer.

Forwards	Center	Guards
C. Krug	C. F. Spencer	H. Veneable
W. Gardner (Capt. and Faculty Member)		B. Frankenberger
		M. Gardner

1908-09

Coach—Major C. S. Roller, Jr.

Forwards	Center	Guards
A. C. Pole (Capt.)	Bill Collingwood	C. J. Churchman
C. DeWitt		B. B. Clarkson
W. B. Landes		

1909-10

Coach—Capt. Hancock

Forwards	Center	Guards
W. Landes	Bill Collingwood (Capt.)	C. Smith
W. Easley		T. Ashby
		W. Welch

## 1910-11

Coach—Capt. T. Wiltshire

Forwards	Center	Guards
W. B. Landes (Capt.)	Bill Collingwood	J. C. Gallagher
T. Graham		A. Schwalb
G. Arbenz		

## 1911-12

Coach—Capt. J. A. Mecredy

Forwards	Center	Guards
W. Gibbon	H. Collingwood	J. C. Gallagher (Capt)
G. Gregg	P. Clarke	A. Schwalb

## 1912-13

Coach—Capt. J. A. Mecredy

Forwards	Center	Guards
W. Gibbon (Capt.)	A. Jennings	A. Schwalb
T. Beckley		A. Nelms
		J. C. Gallagher

## 1913-14

Coach—Capt. C. J. Churchman

Forwards	Center	Guards
W. Mathias	E. A. Fox	A. Nelms (Capt)
J. Shott		F. Burdett
H. S. Rawlings		

## 1914-15

Coach—C. J. Churchman

Forwards	Center	Guards
J. Leech	E. A. Fox	F. E. Burdett (Capt)
H. S. Rawlings	H. Jennings	L. Balthis

## 1915-16

Coach—Capt. E. T. Lane, Jr.

Forwards	Center	Guards
E. Fox (Capt.)	L. Jennings	L. Balthis
J. Leech		J. Goodrich
		R. D. Jones

## 1916-17

Coach—Capt. E. T. Lane, Jr.

Forwards	Center	Guards
R. D. Jones	B. Antrim	L. Balthis (Capt.)
I. Oppleman		E. Christian
L. Lewis		

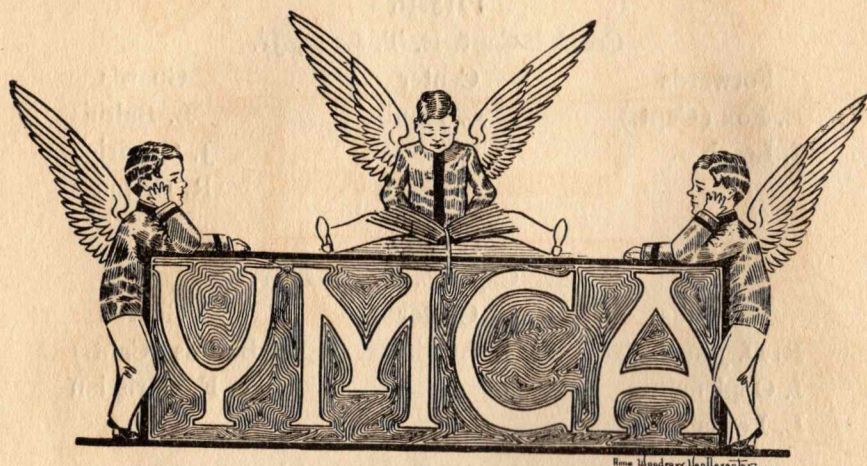
An all A. M. A. Basketball Team picked by Major C. S. Roller, Jr.

## First Selection

Forwards	Center	Guards
W. Gibbon	J. E. Black (Capt.)	L. Balthis
W. B. Landes		A. Nelms

## Second Selection

Forwards	Center	Guards
J. Leech	Bill Collingwood	C. J. Churchman
E. Fox		J. C. Gallagher



He attendance at the Y. M. C. A. is not as good as it should be, but it has been picking up some since the regular program of meetings was changed. This shows that an added interest is being taken in the work, and we hope that it will continue.

Colonel Roller has been giving a serial lecture each Sunday night on the life and work of the Apostle Paul. This lecture has proven very interesting as well as instructive.

We are trying our best to make the meetings better and more interesting by having a reading by some cadet and sometimes a talk from an outsider as often as possible. The readings so far have been very good and I think you would enjoy them if you could spare enough of your time to come.



Our last meeting was held on Saturday afternoon, March 10th.

The meeting was called to order by the President and the Secretary read the minutes of the meeting.

The subject of the debate was, "Resolved that the Pen is Greater than the Sword."

The debate was handled exceedingly well considering the age of the participants. Both sides brought out a great number of points. But the judges favored the negative.

Those upholding the affirmative were Cadets Neely, Prichard, Conrad, C., Seigle, and Wiley, E.

Those upholding the negative were Cadets Smith L., Anderson, E., Nixdorf, Winston, and Smith, M.

The readers prepared a very interesting program. They were Cadets Diuguid, Ireland, Bowers, C., Ritchie, Wise, and Robinson, M.

There was also held an election of new officers for the 2nd term which consists of President Casewell, succeeded by Cadet Scott W. Vice-President Scott W., succeeded by Cadet Diuguid. Secretary and Treasurer Jones, succeeded by Cadet Stephenson.

B. J. STEPHENSON.

## Social

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**M**ARCH the 2nd, at the Memorial Hall, there was a very delightful dance. The attendance was not as large as before, which was due to Lent. The decorations consisted mostly of the blue and white streamers. As usual Colgan from Charlottesville furnished the music. During the intermission delightful sandwiches were passed around.

Those dancing were: Miss Frances Hess with Cadet Worley; Miss Elizabeth Faw with Cadet Parker, L.; Miss Helen Patterson with Cadet Houston; Miss Catherine Holt with Cadet Doniphan; Miss Ellen Howison with Cadet Christian, E; Miss Evelyn Hoge with Capt. Massie; Miss Evelyn Lambeth with Cadet Wagenstein; Miss Gladys Rundacille with Cadet Norman; Miss Laura Ward Wise with Cadet Thurtell; Miss Fair Searson with Cadet Carter, Y.; Miss Page Hughes with Cadet Alt; Miss Dorothy Mercereau with Cadet Hooper; Miss Helen Moores with Mr. Clemmer; Miss Mary Hanger with Cadet Sites; Miss Kitty Chapman with Cadet Scott, N.; Miss Virginia Worthington with Cadet Bloxton; Miss Dorothy Morse with Cadet Brown; Miss Virginia Mosely with Cadet Estes; Miss Margaret Dunlap with Cadet Armstrong; Miss Helen Guthrie with Cadet Morris; Miss Anne Willson with Cadet Simmerman; Miss Catherine Bear with Cadet Bankhardt; Miss

Masie Evan with Cadet Caswell; Miss Mary Braxton with Cadet Harwood, E.; Miss Elizabeth Marshall with Cadet Rouer; Miss Mary Nolan with Cadet Stephenson; Miss Carrie Sublett with Cadet Cochran; Miss Elizabeth Searson with Cadet Hogshead; Miss Frances Witz with Cadet Carter, A.; Miss Louise Root with Cadet Bailey, L.; Miss Frances Quarles with Cadet Walker; Miss Mary Temple with Cadet Percy; Miss Katherine Landes with Cadet McCutchan; Miss Julia Worthington with Cadet Reed; Miss Pue with Cadet Byrd; Miss Nathalia Cramer with Cadet Antrim; Miss Alice Hogg with Cadet Durant; Miss Elise Glenn with Cadet Backus; Miss Lucile Williams with Cadet Anderson R.; Miss Elsie Morris with Cadet Gilkerson; Miss Ruth Hulburd with Cadet Lustri, C.; Miss Helen Miller with Cadet Ely; Miss Maggie Belle Roller with Capt. Robinson; Miss Tinsley with Cadet Tinsley.

The stags were: Cadets Hays, Benett, Winfree, Diuguid, Davis, C., McWhorter, Davis, H., Cousins, Payne, Thrift, Lewis, Toney, Ragsdale, Taylor, Froelich, and Caperton, A.

The chaperones were: Col. and Mrs T. J. Roller; Maj. and Mrs. C. S. Roller; Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Walker; Mr. and Mrs. Chris Parkins; Mrs. Chas. Hoge.

George Washington's birthday was celebrated by a holiday for the Cadet Corps and a tea party given by Miss Maggie Belle Roller. The house was decorated in George Washington style. The guests were received by George and Lady Washington, also General Lafayette, who were cadets costumed to suit the occasion. The music that the Cadet Orchestra furnished was delightful. Delicious refreshments were served throughout the tea.

On Saturday evening, February the 24th, Miss Lambeth

gave a delightful dance at her home. Again the Cadet Orchestra scored.

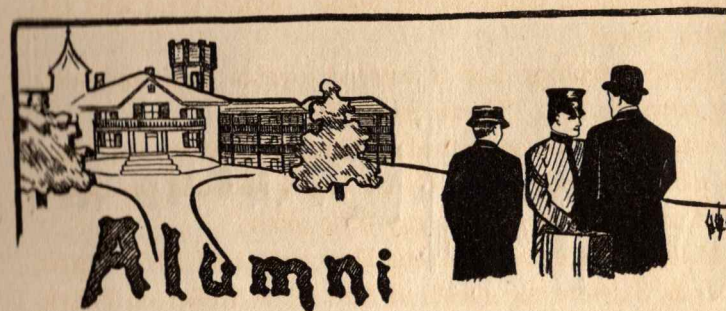
Those attending had a most enjoyable time and were very sorry to hear "Home Sweet Home."

After the game on Saturday night, March the 3rd, there was a little surprise Hop. Cadet Toney pounded the ivories and it proved to be quite a gay little affair.

Misses Masie Evans, Irene Heavener, and Elsie Curtis, of M. B. S., were the guests of Mrs. C. S. Roller on February 24th and 25th.

Miss Marjorie Cutts visited Mrs. T. J. Roller for a few days.

Mrs. Col. Roller gave a little dance in honor of her guests on February 16th. Every minute was enjoyable.



To the "old fellows" of this school, the German Club issues a most hearty invitation to you all for all of the dances and especially the "Easter Dance" which promises to be one of the best of the year.

Some of the fellows account for themselves in the following manner:

Mr. W. R. Staples is working in Roanoke, Va.

Mr. Jim Shott is married and living in Bluefield, W. Va.

Mr. Frank Fox is at the University of West Virginia.

Mr. George Gregg is attending W. and L.

Mr. Easley is married and living in Bluefield.

Mr. Norman Gregg is attending school in Wheeling W. Va.

Mr. "Jew" Lord is working in his home town, Salem, O.

Mr. Randolph Gilliam is at work in Newport News, Va.

Mr. John Ray is attending Oxford at Oxford England.

"Sister" Graham is working in Harrisonburg, Va.

Mr. "Tuffy" Clark is attending Ohio State University in Columbus Ohio.

Mr. Fred Blustein is working in Charleston, W. Va.



*Western Maryland College Monthly*—A very interesting magazine is yours, full of the doings of the school. Some fiction would be an improvement, however. You certainly are not lacking in school news, the abundance of which is very noticeable.

*Monthly Chronicle*—Any school would be proud of such a magazine as the *Chronicle*. It is full of life and the editorial "Courtesy" is a fine article, as is the entire paper.

*Focus*—Your best story, "No Room," is indeed good. As a whole, the paper is very good, the jokes being fine.

*The Tatler*—The stories in your literary department could be very much more interesting. In fact this department could be very much improved by interesting and absorbing stories instead of mere dry articles such as "Reminiscence," "In Cultivating a Garden," and "Magazine Advertisements." These articles furnish exceedingly dry reading and do not appeal to the average young person. Your exchange department shows careful study of the exchanges and is fine.

*Orange and White*—Why not have some interesting stories, instead of publishing under the head of "Literary" prac-

tically nothing but a record of political events, and national moves in one of your stories and in another a few facts on the life of a man whom everybody of common intelligence knows of. These things are known all over the country and everybody has considered them, analyzed their meaning and importance until they have become nothing but mere hackneyed topics of discussion. The other departments could be much better, especially the jokes.

*Student*—"The Telegram" and "Wingah, a True Indian" are both very short stories but have simple, well-handled plots. Although brief these stories are not too shallow but could be improved upon in the next *Student*. The cuts are very poor for such a school paper as yours should be, and the mixture of the ads with the rest of the paper is a very unattractive feature. The jokes are not at all good and by the lack of poetry the literary department is not well shown up.

*The Oracle*—Editorials are the basis of any publication, and surely a firm one has been laid by the *Oracle*. The argument concerning basketball is fine, also the story "The Life Sentence" which shows thought, but no department in your paper can surpass the "Exchanges" in originality and thought.

*Irsonian*—Appealing editorials such as yours should certainly have an influence on the students. "Spiritualism" is the only real representative story in your literary department, and it is fine, but cannot outclass your jokes and such a well worked-up list of exchanges.

*Red and Black*—Among your best articles are "Some Early American Athletics" and "The Master's Violin," the latter being an excellent piece of poetry. Do no funny in-

cidents take place around your school that could be classed as "jokes?" Certainly in classes and on the campus there must be a few once in a while.

*Critic*—One of our best exchanges, having an exceptionally good literary department. But what is the matter with your jokes? You have a humorist on your staff seemingly devoid of humor, also a joke department with only a few jokes under it, with a few more scattered throughout the paper, very few of them pertaining to school life. If you have a place for them, why not put them in their place?

*The "O"*—With a staff such as you have you should be able to put out a fine paper, but instead you have a small, uninteresting paper with very few jokes and scarcely any exchanges. Your editorials are mere trash, and an improvement could easily be made in your literary, also by putting your ads together the appearance of the paper would be much more attractive. Let your staff get busy.

*Stampede*—The editorials speak of such a remarkable increase in the school. Why not utilize this increase by making the school publication more interesting and attractive? It is true you have some very good jokes and your "Want Ads" are also good. "Concerning Detectives" is not half bad, but is very short.

We also acknowledge the following:

*The Sage*—Greensboro High School.

*Tu-Eudie Wei*—Point Pleasant High School.

*The Spectator*—Duluth Central High School.

*The Cadet*—V. M. I.

*The Searchlight*—Randolph-Macon Institute.

## Kicks and Comments

A page devoted to the praises and criticisms of THE BAYONET, received through exchanges from various school publications of like nature, throughout this and other states.

From F. J. Gilliam, '13, Washington and Lee University.

"Dear Scott:

"While in the Exchange Room of the *Ring Tum Phi* a few minutes ago I picked up the January copy of THE BAYONET and while it is fresh in my mind I wanted to write you and congratulate you on such a paper as that issue is.

"I have seen every copy of THE BAYONET, I think, that has appeared since its original issue in about 1906 and had some experience with it as Business Manager and Editor-in-Chief while I was in school and I can say without hesitation that the January, 1917, issue was the best that has ever appeared.

"It was full of pep, well-balanced, was typographically and grammatically perfect and presents on the whole a splendid magazine. You and the rest of the staff are certainly to be congratulated and, as an ex-editor and always an A. M. A. boy, I would like to offer my congratulations and best wishes that the succeeding issues may be even more successful."

## Pap Lewis Says



ELL gents, I ain't going to do much this trip but throw a few bouquets and give you a few announcements, I guess maybe I better call 'em rumors, cause they ain't none of them very authentic.

First of all, Kables didn't have no right on earth to win that last basketball game, and what's more, it was the best game I've seen in some considerable time, lots of pep, from start to finish, with the decision in the balance all the while, just luck on Kable's part so don't let it worry you none, that ain't what I call a defeat, that's just ordinary everyday hard luck.

I been looking over the baseball crop these past few days and they look like a winning gang, yes, sir, they got all the ear marks, and if I was going to do any prophesying which I ain't, I'd say they would bring home the bacon.

Heard somebody say a couple weeks ago that the band was going to bust forth finals in regulation marine band uniforms, don't know just exactly what that means but reckon it is all right, 'spect they can produce about as much noise one way as another.

Read in the paper a few weeks back, that one of your men won the state declaiming championship, sure would like to see that gent and hear him say his speech. Mighty glad old A. M. A. brought home the bacon. I tell you boys there's something in that old saying about "third time holds the

charm," he's the third man to try and you all see what he did. I golly, old Augusta can put out winners in most every line now days.

Hear you're going to have a sure nuff annual this year, lots bigger than the last one. Well that's the way, got to advance a little every year or else you're considered behind the times. I'm looking for a surprise in the annual line along about June 1st, something that will make us sit up and take notice, kind of bring us out of our dream, and let us know the sun's shining. Well got to quit, kind a rushed for time today, see you all next month.

PAP LEWIS.



## LES AFFAIRES DE "CHUNK"

Anne est ma chere  
Avec son chic aire  
Pour ses yeux, sa figure  
Ses dents, sa coiffure  
J'irai au diable  
Comme un miserable.

Premierement c'etait Marie  
Qui mon coeur avait pris;  
Est alors Katherine  
Avec sa belle mine  
Mais maintenant c'est Anne  
Pour qui je fais l'ane.

LES FEMMES SAVANTES.

## THE RULE BOOK SAYS

Balthis needs knee-pads.

When dancing, or attending a dance, parade rest is the proper military formation to assume when talking to a girl between dances, it gives the appearance of grace, suppleness, and perfect ease, hides bow legs, prevents the girl from continually counting the buttons on your coat, and shows your chevrons up to the greatest advantage.

Antrim craves recognition.

When walking, either on the stoops or pike, all the old men should be sure that they have the proper military angle, it is distinctive, good looking, and gives you a devil-may-

care expression, particularly fitting for an old man, also it brings a certain pleasure in that it is one of the few things that one can do without getting stuck.

Caswell needs a heart regulator.

In the presence of a superior officer, best results are obtained by assuming a military position of attention, perfect in every detail, a round-about conversation leading up to your real request, a soft tongue, and a deprecating manner. This ought to bring results, but does it?

Gilkeson needs a sponsor.

When attempting to make a place in a minstrel show, one must be imbued with three talents: the ability to crack a joke, sing a song, and dance a jig. If you haven't these qualities, then think you have. Of course your thoughts may not coincide with the directors but again they may.

Percy could use a pair of sliding knee-caps.

When contemplating a race around the second stoop, one should have on a reasonable amount of clothing, a pair of non-skid detachable shoes, a certain amount of speed, a red headed Officer of the Day, and a plausible reason for making the trip.

Capt. Yarborough could use a few more pages in his Stationary Book.

A quantity of nerve tonic could be used to great advantage by Messrs. Diuguid and Hayes; it would undoubtedly save them considerable guard duty, and afford the rest of the corps a greater amount of peace. It comes in several different forms, each and everyone of which is delightful.

Donaphan could use a maxim silencer.

One of the best ways of getting away with any noticeable evil is by substituting a more peaceful weapon in its place.

Following out this principle, we would suggest for the benefit of Capt. Yarborough that he furnish Cadets Scott, W., and Eakel with baby rattles in place of the bones which they at present possess.

Wangenstein could use one of the Overland Co's. hand-books to good advantage.

At the request of Mr. A. B. Carter, of Washington, we, the editors, or compounders of "The Rule Book," request that cadets will please refrain from greeting said gentleman with the customary salutation, namely, "and a little child shall lead us."

The habit of yawning is not very becoming when it accompanies, or we might say, breaks in upon a reading from a supposedly interesting book. However, such things have happened.

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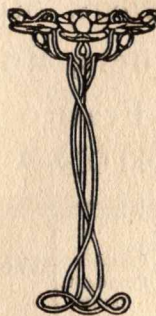
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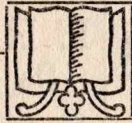
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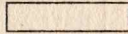
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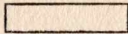
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